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FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS. THE SILLY SHEEP.

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"Papa," said Theodore, "what do you think I saw to-day? I saw Mr Freeman's sheep jump down the precipice—I didn't see them jump, but I saw them at the bottom. Some of them were killed by the fall, and some of them had their legs broken, so that Mr Freeman had to kill them. They were taking their skins off as I came along."

"How did it happen?" said Mr Thorne.

"Why, you see, papa, this afternoon there is no school, and some of the children went up to the hill for strawberries, and they left the bars down between Mr Freeman's pasture and the meadow, and the sheep went into the meadow. Well, Mr Freeman saw the sheep in the meadow, and sent John to drive them out. John went after them, and was driving them along the wall, because the grass wasn't so high there; and when they come to the very spot where the wall is built on the brink of the precipice, you know, one sheep jumped up on the wall, and then jumped right down the precipice. Another one jumped over after her, and another, and another. John hollered at them, and began to run; but that only made them jump the faster, one after another, in the very same place; and before he got there to drive them away, fourteen had jumped over. Of these, two or three were not so much hurt but that they could walk; two or three were killed outright, and the rest had their legs so much broken that they were obliged to kill them, and they have not got all their skins taken off yet."

"It was all owing, then, it seems, to the carelessness of the children in leaving the bars down. They are very apt to do so—Sometimes I have thought I wouldn't let any body come on my land to get berries; they often come me so much damage."

"But, papa, sir, what made the sheep jump down the precipice?"

"Probably when the first sheep leaped upon the wall, it was with so much force that she could not stop when she saw the precipice below. And when the rest followed in the same manner. Where one sheep goes the rest follow, as a matter of course; such is their nature, and hence the phrase you have often heard, 'as silly as a sheep'."

"Yes, sir, I have often heard it, but didn't know what it meant, for I never saw anything about a sheep that looked particularly silly. I've seen little lambs act as if they were very cunning. But will sheep follow one another everywhere? If they had seen the precipice, do you think they would have followed their leader?"

"Probably not; but they were very silly, if it is proper to speak thus of an animal destitute of reason, in not seeing where they were going. It would be well if only irrational animals acted in this way."

"What other animals besides sheep do so?"

"Boys and girls, and men!"

"Boys and girls, and men! Do they ever jump down precipices after one another?"

"Yes."

"Papa don't mean as he says."

"What does he mean, then?"

"I don't know; I guess he means that people are very apt to do as they see other people do, without thinking whether it is right or not?"

"Yes, sir, a great many times. I have seen one boy do something bad, because he sees another one do so; but that is not jumping down a precipice, is it?"

"It is a good deal worse; to jump down a precipice might destroy the body, but to do wrong will certainly destroy the soul. The next time you are inclined to do wrong, in imitation of another's example, remember that by so doing you act like an irrational being, and plunge down a more fearful precipice than the world contains."

An Alpine Avalanche.

As a young peasant was returning one day to his village from Sion, a heavy fall of snow about the beginning of October, met him in his toilsome descent. He had at length reached a peak, from which he could see his own chalet; but in its stead nothing but a frightful mass of snow heaps, beneath which his wife and only child were doubtless engulfed. At first he was overwhelmed with despair, and threw himself into the rocks in a state of stupor; but presently the light of hope broke upon him. He started up and ran to a still uninjured cottage of one of the neighbors, whose assistance he entreated; several others joined with them, and together, armed with pickaxes and spades, they set to work, with the view of disengaging the devoted family from the overwhelming wreck. It required both strength and resolution, and the friends worked till night with ardor.

The young man was then left alone; he continued to labor without ceasing, and at daybreak his companions returned; the sun and day ended without result, but despair gave the husband fresh vigor in spite of his fearful disappointment. A third day he toiled on; to his unspeakable rapture he discovered the roof of his dwelling, and through an aperture for the smoke, perceived his wife sitting by the light of a lamp, watching her infant, who was being at that moment suckled by a goat. His eyes of joy were soon responded to, and the story of deliverance was soon told. A large rock behind his chalet had forced the avalanche which had descended to take another direction, and all beneath the snow, to the last of his flock, were saved. His resolute perseverance was rewarded, and the pair became an object of congratulation to the whole district.

When one sees the position of these villages, one is not astonished at any of these histories, which, however, have seldom so fortunately an ending as this.—*Sights in the Alps, by Mrs. Weston.*

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